



best locally released album

1. **Volifonix**, *Oregonisms*
2. **Ruins of Ooah**, *Ruins of Ooah*
3. **Medium Troy**, *Bohemian Dub*

Volifonix, a self-described “fried-funk rock band,” was Eugene’s favorite rock band last year, with Reeble Jar a close second. That Reeble Jar spin-off band Ruins of Ooah came in second place this year is further proof that Eugene rocks and rolls to the rhythms of the world. But it was almost an upset. Medium Troy’s album *Bohemian Dub*, though a fine slab o’ hip hop, came out two years ago, which technically means it’s not qualified for this year’s award. Peeps liked *Bohemian Dub* so much, though, that it’s on the list in a respectable third. Volifonix describes their music best: “pure muso-theoretical kung fu served up with a muscley groove ... an original hair-on-fire approach to the hot/rock/funk genre.”

clothing, the boutique sells jewelry and shoes, both vintage and modern in style. Together, Deluxe and its sister store, Kitsch, carry the designs of between 50 and 75 local artists —and they’re always looking for more. Or if you’re simply interested in selling some of your old clothes, both stores are always looking for opportunities to swap store credit for your trendy apparel.

best downtown business

1. **The Kiva** 125 W. 11th Ave. 342-8666. www.kivagrocery.com
2. **Sweet Potato Pie** 20 E. 11th Ave. 344-8810. www.sweetpotatopiестore.com
3. **Passionflower Design** 128 E. Broadway 344-3857. www.passionflowerdesign.com

best new business

1. **David Minor Theater** 180 E. 5th Ave. 762-1700. www.davidminortheater.com
2. **Bio-Taxi** 747-BLUE. www.biotaxi.us
3. **Kitsch** 1016 Willamette St. 342-8647.

After just one year, the David Minor Theater has established itself as a cultural landmark, though founder/co-owner Josh Goldfarb insists the place is very much a work in progress. The idea, he says, seemed simple: one big movie house that served booze. “I had always wanted to go to such a theater here in Eugene,” Goldfarb explains, “ever since I was old enough, or not old enough, to be sneaking beer into movies.” Little did he know. In the months following the grand opening, Goldfarb expanded the David Minor into two distinct theaters — a more mainstream theater seating 50 people, along with a smaller “living room” that holds just over a dozen — along with adding food from Cornucopia and Café Lucky Noodle to the menu. The “comfy” seats, however, have proven more important to moviegoers than any other offering. “I had no idea going into

it,” Goldfarb says. But what gives the David Minor staying power, he adds, is the distinctly non-movieplex appeal of getting a combined dinner and film for somewhere around 30 bucks — just the right price, he says, “for people who are trying to impress the lady on a budget.”

best personal indulgence provider (spa, massage, salon, etc.)

1. **Gervais Salon & Day Spa** 248 E. 5th Ave. 345-1312; 301 W. 5th Ave. 334-6533. www.gervaiseugene.com
2. **Pearl Day Spa & Hydrotherapy Clinic** 1375 Pearl St. 683-3377. www.thepearldayspa.com
3. **Bello Day Spa** 2746 Shadow View Dr. 345-0551. www.bellospa.com

best regular event night at a bar (trivia, theme nights, etc.)

1. **Bingo Night at Sam Bond’s Garage** 407 Blair Blvd. 343-2635. www.sambonds.com
2. **’80s Night at John Henry’s** 77 W. Broadway. 342-3358. www.johnhenryclub.com
3. **Trivia Night with Keith Appleby at Villard Street Pub** 1417 Villard St. 393-0960. www.villardstreetpub.com

best place to go dancing

1. **John Henry’s** 77 W. Broadway. 342-3358. www.johnhenryclub.com



best naughty business

1. **olivejuice** 543 Blair Blvd. 345-1618. www.myspace.com/olivejuice543
2. **Silver Dollar Club** 2620 W. 10th Place. 485-2303. www.myspace.com/silverdollarclub
3. **Freudian Slip** 870 Pearl St. 345-7547. www.shopfruedianslip.com

How can you not love olivejuice? The employees/owners wore gas masks during the store’s construction — really. Visit the MySpace page. There are pictures. It’s a store you won’t be embarrassed to be caught in. The folks are charming, and feather boas abound. They stock costumes, lingerie, local music and more. Unlike some so-termed “naughty” businesses (purveyors of naughty-dom?), this Whiteaker-owned and operated business won’t leave you feeling diseased. Personal favorite items available in-store: a pack of moustaches for every day of the week and local zine (and third-place Best Blog finisher) Urinal Gum.